you are here, would you like to react now. They had demanded a statement from the Home Minister on the matter raised by Shri Gurudas Das Gupta.

RE: BURNING TO DEATH OF A RAPE VICTIM IN DELHI AND NEGLIGENCE OF GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS (CONTD.)

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA): Sir, I am not in a position to make a statement just now. The House has been agitated justifiably over this very shocking incident which has been reported in the Press. I have nothing at the moment to goby except by what has appeared in the Press, which is shocking enough, about this lady, Rajwanti, who, according to this report, has been a victim of rape a couple of years ago which followed revenge taken upon her because she wanted to divulge the identity of the rapist and then she was set on fire, burnt and she was taken to the hospital. The allegation is that the hospita a Government hospital, first refused to admit her and later on while she was still tn a critical condition, she was forcd by the hospital authorities to leave the hospital on the plea that there was no room to keep her or that she was not in such a serious condition. Then she went to another hospital. There she was admitted perhaps with the help of one of our Ministers and later on she succumbed to her injuries.

It is a very shocking case, particularly because it has happened in the Capital of the country where we know that atrocities against women have been going on at a very alarming and disturbing rate and have been increasing. So, all I can say at the moment is that we will, of course, make a thorough inquiry into the whole affair and after that I will come and report to the House the action that has taken. I can assure this to the House. *(Interruptions)*

SHRI NARENDRA MOHAN: Sir, the hon. Minister has just expressed the desire that he will We able to submit a report after the inquiry. My request is this. My request is .... *(Interruptions)*

मौलाना ओबैदुल्ला खान आजमी : (बिहार) महोदय, हम लोग इस सिलसिले में जूडिशियल इंक्वायरी की मांग करते है और चाहते हैं कि उन डाक्टरों और हॉस्पिटल के जिम्मेदार लोगों को हाउस में बुलाकर बयान लिया जाए ।

مولانا عبید اللہ خاں اعظمی: مہودے۔ ہم لوگ اس سلسلے میں جوڈیشیل انکوائری کی مانگ کرتے ہیں۔ اور چاہتے ہیں کہ ان ڈاکٹروں اور ھاسٹل کے ذمہ دار لوگوں کو ہاؤس میں بلا کر بیان لیا جائے۔

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Sir, a normal inquiry by an agency of the Police will be fruitless because it is the high-ups in the Police who are responsible. Therefore, there should be an inquiry, but not by the Police. If you take into consideration our opinion, we want a judicial inquiry. It is for the hon. Home Minister to take a decision. We want a thorough probe, an impartial probe, to find out who is responsible. It is for him to tell the House how it is going to be done.

SHRI NARENDRA MOHAN: My request to the Home Minister is... *(Interruption)*

SHRI SATISH AGARWAL (Rajasthan): I agree with what Mr. Gurudas Das Gupta has said. It is a horrendous crime that has been committed. Reservation for women will not solve such type of things. This House has been talking about 33% reservation for women. Is it going to solve these problems? These are the problems which the women are facing. Mr. Gurudas Das Gupta has very rightly raised this matter. We are thankful to him that he drew our attention. We read cursorily about it in

†[]Transliteration in Arabic Script.

the newspapers. So, I think a judicial inquiry should be ordered in this case. Make one case a case of deterrence for all times to come.

उपसभाध्यक्ष (श्री मोहम्मद सलीम): इसमें नए सिरे से क्या बोलना है? यहां कहा गया था कि मंत्री जी को खबर करनी चाहिए । तो मंत्री जी आ गए और उन्होंने जानकारी दी ।

SHRI NARENDRA MOHAN: Sir, it has not happened for the first time in Delhi. It is happening in Delhi in most of the cases. But the most important point about this particular case is that the offenders have not been airested, they have not been put behind the bars. That is the most tragic thing. I would request the Home Minister to see to it that at least the Delhi Police takes action immediately and arrests those who have been named tn the FIR.

उपसभाध्यक्ष (श्री मोहम्मद सलीम) : मंत्री जी ने बताया है कि जहां तक , जितनी जानकारी वह जानते थे उन्होंने वह आपसे शेयर की है । हम लोगों ने खुद यह चर्चा की है, उस तरफ भी वह बोले हैं । इसके बाद वह जानाकारी लेंगे, इन्कवायरी करेंगे, एक्शन लेगे और फिर हाऊस को बताएंगे ।

श्री संजय निरूपम : इसमें कितना टाइम लेंगे? ....(**व्यवधान**)...

SHRI SURINDER KUMAR SINGLA (Punjab): Mr. Vice-Chairman, Sir, I am equally agitated as the whole House is, but it is not a unique case of its kind. There are thousands and thousands of rape cases occurring and women are being, burnt. If the Home Minister assures this House that an impartial inquiry would take place, then why do we insist on a judicial inquiry for one single case? If you are going to order a judicial inquiry, then thousands and thousands of inquiries would be there for which thousands and thousands of officers would be needed. I would agree that there has to be some kind of an impartial inquiry and the punishment should be a deterrent one so that such things do not occur in future.

THE VICE-CHAIRAN (SHRI MD. SALIM): When the Home Minister has said that he will order an inquiry, then why do you make it a point that it should be an impartial inquiry? Are other kinds of inquiries also done?

SHRI SURINDER KUMAR SINGLA: No, no. It is not that. *..... (Interruptions)....*

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Sir, let me disagree with my friend that it is not just like many other cases, as he has put it. It is of under-playing of the volume of *....(Interruptions)...,*

SHRI SURINDER KUMAR SINGLA: It is not the first case of its kind. You are under-playing it by only focussing one case.

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: We have to start somewhere.

SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA: Sir, since I have given an assurance, I can repeat it, if you like. Obviously, there are various aspects of this incident all of which require to be probed thoroughly. That is going to be done, and then I will come before the House with the outcome of that inquiry. I think it would not help the inquiry much if this kind of passage of arms goes on, whether this is a unique case or there are thousands of cases like this. What is the use of this argument? How would it help? Obviously, an inquiry is not to be a partial inquiry, it has to be an impartial inquiry.

SHRI SURINDER KUMAR SINGLA: He is saying, a normal police inquiry. That is why I said....

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI MD. SALIM): Mr. Singla, please listen to him.

SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA: 1 personally have no objection to a judicial inquiry except to remind Mr. Das Gupta and others that judicial inquiry always takes an inordinately long time. It may drag on for a year or two years. However, if everybody wants that, prefers that, we will consider it.

SHRI NARENDRA MOHAN: What about the arrest of those culprits?

SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA: My friend, I have to get the police to arrest them. I cannot arrest them. I am not a *thanedar.* I have to tell the police to take action.

THE VICE CHAIRMAN (SHRI HD. SALIM): Have some concern for your colleagues..... *(Interruptions)* .....

We have to finish these Special Mentions.

श्री संजय निरूपम (महाराष्ट्र) **:** सर, इसी केस से जुडी हुई एक और कड़ी है । ....(**व्यवधान**)...

उपसभाध्यक्ष (श्री मोहम्मद सलीम) : इस केस पर हम और चर्चा नहीं करेंगे । दूसरे विषय लेगें । श्री राघवजी ....(**व्यवधान**)...

श्री संजय निरूपम : सर, एक लाइन में कहना चाहूंगा

उपसभाध्यक्ष (श्री मोहम्मद सलीम) : नहीं । वैसे शत्रुघन जी भी बोलना चाह रहे थे और, भी सदस्य बोलना चाह रहे थे, अब सबको एलाऊ नहीं किय जाता हर मामले में । प्लीज, संजय जी, बैठिए आप राघवजी आप बोलिए ....(**व्यवधान**)... मंत्री जी ने बोल दिया है । हमें तो उन्हें धन्यवाद देना चाहिए । ....(**व्यवधान**)...

SPECIAL MENTIONS (CONTD.

Train-Bus Collision Near Guna Railway Station in Madhya Pradesh

श्री राघवजी (मध्य प्रदेश) : उपसभाध्यक्ष जी , मैं सदन का ध्यान आपके माध्यम से एक हृदय विदारक घटना की ओर आकर्षित करना चाहता हूं। मध्य प्रदेश में गुना-इटावा रेल लाइन पर गुना स्टेशन के निकट एक भंयकर ट्रेन और बस की दुर्घटना हुई । इस दुर्घटना में 20 लोग मारे गए और 55 लोग घायल हुए । इस बस में 75 यात्री सवार थे यानि एक भी यात्री ऐसा नहीं बचा जो कि घायल न हुआ हो या मरा न हो ।

उपसभाध्यक्ष जी यह गुना-इटावा रेल लाइन एक नई रेल लाइन है । इसमें मानव रहित फाटक है । एक विडंबना यह है कि यहां पर नय फाटक बन जाने के बावजूद भी उसका एक फाटक खराब था, इसलिए गेटकीपर ने एक ही फाटक बंद किया हुआ था और एक फाटक खुला छोडा हुआ था । जो बस गुना से चंदेरी जा रही थी, वह बस उसे खुले फाटक के अदंर चली गई और उसी बीच में ट्रेन आ गई, जिससे दुर्घटना हो गई ।

इस में बस के ड्राइवर की कोई गलती नहीं थी । जो फाटक खुला हुआ था, जो कि खराब था, उसके बारे में गेटकीपर ने रेलवे अथोरिटी को रिपोर्ट की हुई थी, लेकिन रेलवे अथोरिटी ने उसको सुधारने का कार्य हाथ में नहीं लिया और इसके कारण इतनी बड़ी दुर्घटना हो गई ।

जिस वक्त यह दुर्घटना हुई, रेल मंत्री जी मध्य प्रदेश में ही थे, भोपाल में मौजूद थे, वे चाहते थे, वे चाहते थे आधे घंटे में गुना पहुंच सकते थे लेकिन दुर्भाग्य और दुख की बात है कि इतनी बड़ी हृदय-विदारक दुर्घटना होने पर भी रेल मंत्री जी गुना नहीं गए । मुख्य मंत्री जी का वह गृह जिला है, लेकिन मुख्य मंत्री जी भी वहां पर नहीं पहुंचे । गनीमत यह है कि एक सरकारी हेलिकॉप्टर उन्होंने भेज दिया इसलिए कुछ गंभीर घायल लोगों को भोपाल और ग्वालियर के अस्पतालों में से जाने के कोशिश की गई है । इस दुर्घटना में एक दूसरा दुखद पहलू यह है कि राजय सरकार ने मृतकों के लिए केवल दस हजार रूपए की राशि स्वीकृत की है तथा तीन और पांच हजार रूपए घायलों के लिए स्वीकृत किए है । इतनी गंभीर दुर्घटना हुई, एक साथ 20 व्यक्ति जान से मारे गए, जो गेट-कीपर था वह भी नहीं बच सका और इसके बावजूद केवल दस हजार रूपए वह भी राज्य सरकार के द्वारा घोषित हुए है । मैं कहना चाहता हूं कि यह राशि बहुत की कम है । मेरी मांग है कि मृतक लोगों के परिवार वालों को कम से कम दो लाख रूपए की क्षतिपूर्ति होनी चाहिए । महोदय, रेल मंत्रालय ने इस बारे में स्वंय एक पैसे की सहायता की घोषणा भी नहीं की है । इसलिए मैं आपके माध्यम से रेल मंत्री जी से यह निवेदन करना चाहता हूं कि वे इस बारे में जांच तो कराएं ही लेकिन साथ में दो लाख रूपए मृतकों के परिवार के लोगों को दें और जो घायल हुए हैं गंभीर रूप से, उनको कम से कम पचास-पचास हजार रूपए प्रत्येक को देने की घोषणा करें ।

इद दुर्घटना के प्रति ध्यान आकर्षित करने के लिए आपने मुझे जो समय दिया, उसके लिए आपका बहुत-बहुत धन्यवाद ।

Need for Completion of the Work Relating of National Memorial Being Constructed in Memory of Maulana Azad at Ranchi in Bihar

श्री ज्ञान रंजन (बिहार) **:** उपसभाध्यक्ष महोदय, मैं आपके माध्यम से इस सरकार और सदन का ध्यान मौलाना अबुल कलाम आजाद मैमोरियल की तरफ